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# ROANORE'S MOVE FOR COMMISSION

Virginia cities which Constitution which must precede any well feel somewhat despondent about tackling such a program single-hand-

taken the bull by the horns by proposing a union of all the ment toward securing the desired suggesting that each such body apent and put into shape its own ideas lan from a single representative body.

helping to make it a success, the Richto the reforms which they desire, withencumbering itself in any way. Then, whenever this city is ready to push through similar reforms, it will find that the path has been made clear for them.

### MR. McALISTER'S SERMON.

Elsewhere on this page appear two communications touching the report in this paper of Mr. McAlister's address by a number of gentlemen who were present when Mr. McAlister spoke; the other is from Rev. W. C. James, the pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church. The letter signed by the committee declares that no statements or which could not be published in a pa-per of general distribution, while Dr. James declares that it was absolutely false that Mr. McAlister made any improper allusions.

These are general propositions upon which we have no comment to make, The rules, however, which govern the

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able places. great rejoicing on the part of saloon-keepers, the business men's organiza-

with every intention to be fair and ac-

cause we wish Mr. McAlister and his will write is in perfect fairness, and

### ZEPPELIN AND THE WRIGHTS.

Count Zeppelin's remarkable flight 850 miles and lasting thirty-seven Mr cally proved that the fight for

inguished German, but it was a much more difficult field, and one in which the final practical solution of the air

THE TARIFF BILL AND THE PRESS A dispatch to the New York Journal of Commerce from that paper's Washington correspondent reports that the ountry's loud-voiced dissatisfaction over the tariff bill is beginning to produce some visible results. It might appear strange if this were not the case, but it is a fact that strange lion. things happen in legislation. Even among the most party-loyal commentators few have been found to praise the Aldrich bill. Indignant protests have gone up from ocean to ocean. According to the authority mentioned above members of the "conservative" old guard in Congress are becoming restive under so much criticism and are mak ing resentful remarks about the activi ties of the press. Popular dissatisfaction over their practical demonstration of the meaning of "revision" is all due, they say, to the perniclous and pestiferous newspapers. "Clear the gallery and close the doors," one of the Aldrich group is quoted as exclaiming, "and we will pass a tariff bill in no time." Correspondents and editors only are blocking the game. A stronger tribute to the honesty and intelligence of the American press was never paid. But these peevish lawmakers of course, confusing causes and ef fects. The newspaper outcry of which

committees. Congress is not supersen-

well prove of critical importance in Mr. Taft's own career.

regardless of political or other 'pulls.'

lawmaking body which makes such

report that the Hughes veto rings the bull's eye ten times out of ten.

The Agricultural Department nounces that rats cost the American people \$100,000,000 a year. The depart-ment is speaking only of four-footed rats, too.

Count Zeppelin ought to be careful how he pulls off these spectacular flights just now. A few exploits of this sort may bring England to the madhouse.

The United States arsenal at

We trust that the little brown spies will have the decency to leave the Pacific coast alone while it is in the throes of a great exposition.

The giraffes ought to find a way of notifying him that they are non-combatants.

"There will be no wrong done at the City Hall to-day," says the Ral-timore American, and then adds, super-fluously, some will think, that the city hall was going to be closed that day.

Since Caracas became deCastroized

Mr. Taft will open the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to-day by touching a button in the White House. Some day a President will think of a new way of opening an exposition, and will be enshrined in the hearts of the people as the most sulphitic Chief Executive ever.

# ON GETTYSBURG FIELD.

which we have no comment to make. The rules, however, which govern the admission of matter to the columns of this paper are specific, and are not left to the personal taste of any or al. of our readers.

The quotations of Mr. McAlister's own friends from his address contain expressions which this paper, for reasons which it deems sufficient, has consistently barred from its columns.

Leaving that issue, which is after all chiefly a matter of personal choice, we come to the direct question whether or no Mr. McAlister stated that the brewertes sent bear to questionable places, and that me and women made merry in dives over the victory on the night of the election. That Mr. McAlister used this exact language is the unchanged statement of the reporter who took written notes of his address. Mr. McAlister is, of course, at perfect liberty to withdraw or modify that statement if he wishes to day.

Meanwhile, in the interest of scentrale cannot some the country which has worthed the reporting, it is worth noticing the country of the country of the country of the country in the country of the country of the country of the reporting, it is worth noticing to the country of the country of the country of the reporting, it is worth noticing to the country of the country of the country of the reporting, it is worth noticing to the country of the country of the country of the reporting it is worth noticing to the country of the country of the country of the reporting, it is worth noticing to the country of the c

# Borrowed lingles.

THE BECKLING. Confronting that great mob he atood, a pleture grand to see;
The questions burst about his head, but all undaunted he!

spake a cruel Heckler then: "O laggard one" he cried.
Why have you put no crooks in jail, and never even tried?"

'My answer," eald the Noble One, in tones that all might hear, 'Is, What sounding weather for such weatherous time of year!"

"But tell," another Heckler said, "why can't you find the time, When evidence is in your hands, to punish fingrant orlime?"

'My answer is"—the words came clear and sharp above ups din— "If Donlin wase in centre field do you sup-pose we'd win?"

But say," cried Heckler number three "who put the money up For your campaign, and why do you with malefactors sup?"

"I make reply," the Here said, "resorting to no tricks,
Do you prefer four cylinders or do you favor six?"

"Hurrah! hurrah!" his friends all cried, as round his feet they ran, "He's answered all, and now he stands a Vindicated Man!"

—Paul West, in New York World,

MERELY JORING.

First Shad: "Are you superstitious?"
Second Shad: "No, indeed; I don't wish
to touch wood,"—New York Sun. "You need a man to show you how to

Wife: "Oh, doctor, Benjamin seems to be wandering in his mind!" Doctor (who knows Benjamin): "Den't trouble about that; he can't go far."— Christian Register.

A Constitution Convention

Dr. Pillam: "You needn't worry about our wife. She has a remarkable constitu-

His Intentions.

Elderly Relative: "Mortimer, what are your intentions in regard to Miss Buillon?" Scapegrace Nephew: "Strictly honorable and praiseworthy, uncle." Elderly Relative: "I am glad to hear that, Mortimer. I was afraid you were going to try to persuade her to marry you."—Chicago Tribune.

For His Health,

Mr. Guzzler in?"

Mrs. Guzzler: "He has just gone down to
the corner for a little exercise."

Wigwag: "I'll think I'll join him, In
which—er-corner does he take his exercise?"—Philadelphia Record.

SHOTS FROM THE GALLERY.

M OST of us get the things we want, providing we don't all want the same thing. For instance, a man named Negley has just died in Plitsburg, and he had the distinction of being the successfurival of Andrew Carnegle—for the hanc of a woman,—Detroit News.

When Senatorial courtesy and Southern chivalry get together, look out!-New York Mail.

A California professor has invented drunkless whiskey." Perhaps no one will want to drink now.—New York Tribune.

Dodging the platform pledge is the name of a new shell game, the popularity of which is somewhat in doubt.—Washington Post.

"Being a Democrat," says the New Yor World, "is a state of mind." Whose mind Aldrich's?—Louisville Courier-Journal

# MEMORIAL DAY.

Oh, Radiant South, the days have flown since then,
And many of our boys in gray,
No longer youthful, stalwart men,
Have reached life's end and passed away,

Soon I will join them on the solden shore, Where none will ever know defeat, We'll meet, dear comrades, meet to part no more, And worship at the Master's feet,

Soft Southern cloud spread o'er thy sunn sky
A mantle of the palest gray,
A mantle of the palest gray,
And in thy arms, Virginia, let me its,
When ille's slow tide shall ebb away.
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aughter of an impoverished ciple. In Old Virginia, minister at Dresden, and who did

character of this day's observance, should change in a large measure, as that of every other holiday has change. The holiday has change d. Thankegiving Day and Christmas Day, for example, which are two of measure took their holiday has changed. The holiday has changed the multitude, and it is probable that hot one in a thousand of those who make the Fourth of July a time of danger and distress gives a rational hought to the origin or the meaning hought to the present of the origin or the meaning hought to the origin or the hought to the origin or the hought to the origin or the meaning hought to the origin or the hough to the origin or the hough to the origin or the hought to the origin or the hough to the origin or the hough to the

in a newspaper of general distribution.

The speaker said nothing which could not have been said before the most refined audience.

Your reporter is also in error in stating that Mr. McAlister said that on the night of the Petersburg election beer wagons were engaged in delivering beer at questionable resorts in Petersburg, and that on that night the men and women made merry in the dives.

of mud we came to the lid. It was a beautiful casket. After removing the glass front I placed my hand within on the soft cushion, saying: It is too large; I feel that the one that has the correct measurements is the proper one. This casket was the one in which durbeloved hero, Robert E. Lee, was sorts in Petersburg, and that on that night the men and women made merry in the dives.

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The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Woman's Wit May Win a Crown.

A MONG the features of the recent and of his consort to Vienna, on all their way home from the Margael into the hands of the French and state visit of Emperor William and of his consort to Vienna, on all their way home from the Margael into the hands of the French and state visit of Emperor William all the ceremonies to Princess Hohenberg, the morganic consort of the holr presumptive, Archditke Francis Ferdinand. At the official bands of the Service of the Brentwood Company.)

STATE PRESS

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"The South ought to have sense enough in liquor men were selling the liquor men were se a shy future statements appearing the Richmond papers and bearing in the work of the Anti-Salos (Eue, Respectfully, W. C. JAMES.

Pastor Grove Avenue Church.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir.—My brother, Benjamin B. Brown,
of Norfolk, gives the following account
of the placing of the ancher memorial
to Commodore Maury;

Va. "With an icehook I fastened a chain to the anchor, and with Bill Williams and several assistants I got it into a basement room and painted it. I engaged a stage driver to stop at 2 A. M., and with him, Bill Williams and myself to lift it, the anchor was raised to the boot of the stage. It was then

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